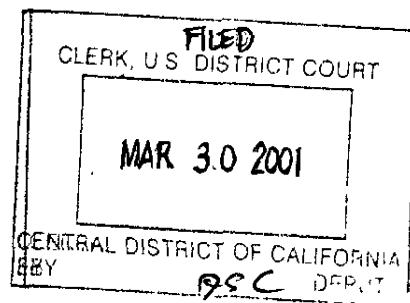


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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11 MIRAGE STUDIOS,) No. CV 92-5992 HLH (JRx)
12 Plaintiff,)
13 v.) NOTICE TO ATTORNEYS
14 TAN,) RE RULE CHANGES
15 Defendant.)
16 _____)

17 The attention of counsel is called to major changes in the
18 rules governing the conduct of actions in the District Court. When
19 this notice is given to counsel for plaintiff shortly after filing
20 of this action, counsel for plaintiff shall serve a copy of this
21 notice with the service on each defendant of the summons and
22 complaint in this action. When this notice is given to counsel for
23 plaintiff after one or more defendants have been served, counsel
24 for plaintiff shall serve a copy of this notice on all parties to
25 the action and this notice shall apply to those remaining portions
26 of the action subject to the new rules. All counsel are expected to
27 become familiar with and follow the new rules. In cases already
28 pending, the new rules will be applied to future actions in the

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1 case.

2 Counsel's attention is called to the fact that major changes
3 have been made in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (hereafter
4 FRCP) effective December 1, 2000, particularly FRCP 16 and 26.
5 Changes to FRCP 16 and 26 have also made it necessary to
6 extensively revise the district's Local Rules (hereinafter LR) in
7 two respects. [Proposed new LR are now out for comment and are
8 expected to be adopted effective in June 2001. References hereafter
9 are to the proposed new LR, not yet effective, unless otherwise
10 indicated.] First, the numbering system of LR has been revised to
11 comply with the numbering system required by the Judicial
12 Conference. The new numbering system follows the pattern of the
13 FRCP. Thus, new local rules dealing with required conferences
14 before trial are found in LR 16 (instead, as formerly, in LR 6, 9,
15 and 23). Second, much of this court's former LR have been
16 supplanted by the new rules found in FRCP 16 and 26. Thus,
17 virtually nothing of former LR 6 is found in the new LR; most of
18 the new applicable rules are now found in new FRCP 16 and 26(f).
19 Former LR 9 dealing with the pretrial conference (now denominated
20 the "final pretrial conference") is governed by a combination of
21 FRCP 16, 26 and LR 16-1 to 16-11. Settlement conferences (formerly
22 the subject of LR 23) are now governed by LR 16-14 and its sub-
23 parts.

24 The changes to FRCP 16 and 26 have brought new terminology.
25 What was formerly the "status conference" or the "mandatory status
26 conference" is now to be called the "scheduling conference." What
27 was formerly the "early meeting of counsel" is now the "scheduling
28 meeting." What must be reported to court has undergone major

1 changes in FRCP 16 and 26(f), requiring a report to the court
2 before the scheduling conference and a "discovery plan" after it.
3 Further, the timing and substantive requirements for many items,
4 including the initial exchanges formerly required under old LR 6,
5 and rules regarding expert witnesses have had major changes under
6 FRCP 16 and 26.

7 This notice is not a summary of the new rules but merely
8 calls attention of counsel to the many changes wrought by the
9 December 1, 2000, changes in the FRCP and the consequent revision
10 of the LR.

11 The court will attempt to follow the new rules and use the new
12 terminology and expects counsel to do the same.

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14 DATE: 3/30/01

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HARRY L. HUPP
Senior U. S. District Judge